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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR DEAN FROM VEST

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DANISH PRIME MINISTER: PANAMA CANAL

REF: COPENHAGEN 0860

1. WE WERE PLEASED WITH YOUR HELPFUL SUGGESTION TO THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT A POSSIBLE FAVORABLE REFERENCE BY HIM TO THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES WHILE IN WASHINGTON, AND HIS FORTHCOMING RESPONSE AS REPORTED PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL.

2. WE SUGGEST YOU CONVEY THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED TEXT TO THE PRIME MINISTER FOR HIS CONSIDERATION. IN DOING SO YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE LANGUAGE IS ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY, AND THAT WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WISH FOR ANY STATEMENT OR REFERENCE TO BE HIS OWN.

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3. BEGIN TEXT. WE WELCOMED THE AGREEMENT IN SEPTEMBER BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND GENERAL TORRIJOS ON NEW TREATIES TO RESOLVE THE LONGSTANDING PANAMA CANAL ISSUE. WE SEE IN THE AGREEMENT AN EXAMPLE OF HOW DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A GREAT POWER AND A SMALL ONE CAN BE RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. FURTHER, THE NEW TREATIES OFFER

THE BEST ASSURANCE THAT THE CANAL WILL REMAIN OPEN AND

EFFICIENTLY OPERATED AT REASONABLE RATES FOR WORLD
COMMERCE. AS A COUNTRY THAT DEPENDS ON WORLD TRADE
THIS ASSURANCE IS IMPORTANT TO US AS IT SURELY IS TO
OTHER COUNTRIES IN EUROPE.END TEXT. VANCE

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